



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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December 7, 2010

Mr. Richard Tripp

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**Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/1045; Richard Tripp**

Dear Mr. Tripp:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a nonfiler referral from FPPC's Technical Assistance Division that alleged you violated the Act's disclosure provisions regarding filing the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI).

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you violated the Act's disclosure provisions when, as a candidate for State Senate District 18, you failed to properly file your Candidate's SEI.

Section 81004 of the Act requires all reports and statements filed under this title to be signed under penalty of perjury and verified by the filer. Unsigned statements are not considered filed.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file (sign) your Candidate's SEI. This letter serves as a written warning. Please file any and all outstanding statements as soon as possible. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

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proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Jeanette E. Turvill at (916) 322-8194 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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✓ Gary S. Winuk  
Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc: Technical Assistance Division